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Building Character

Oh, did you know the little thoughts
That flutter through your mind,
Are always either good and pure
Or selfish and unkind?

And did you know that what you think
And what you say to-day,
Will make you what you are to be,
Because you grow that way?

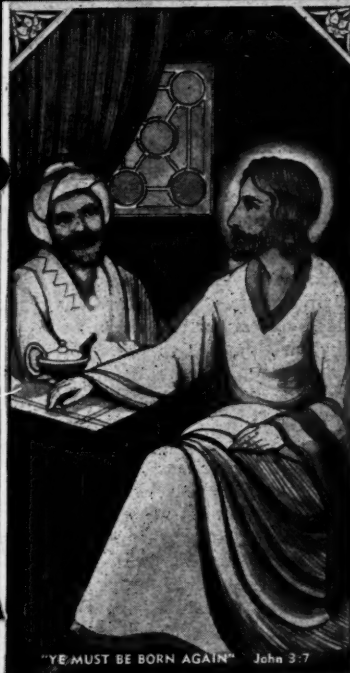
Your life is built just like a house:
The things you think and do
Are like the bricks the builders use,
For they are building you.

The bricks that crumble, none would want
To build into a wall,
Because when winds began to blow
The house would quickly fall.

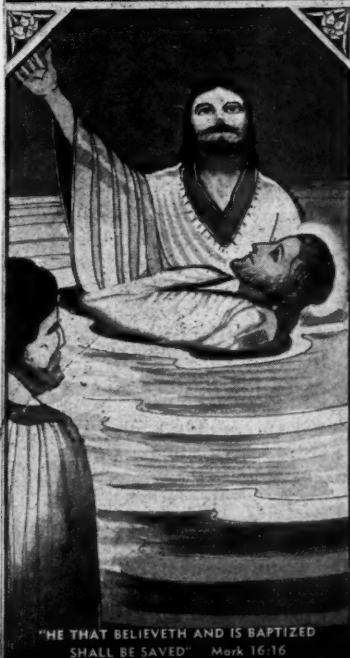
And so, to build your character
And build it strong and sure,
Use pleasant words, do kindly deeds,
And let your thoughts be pure.

—Publisher Unknown.

—Sel. from *Gospel Herald*.



"YE MUST BE BORN AGAIN" John 3:7



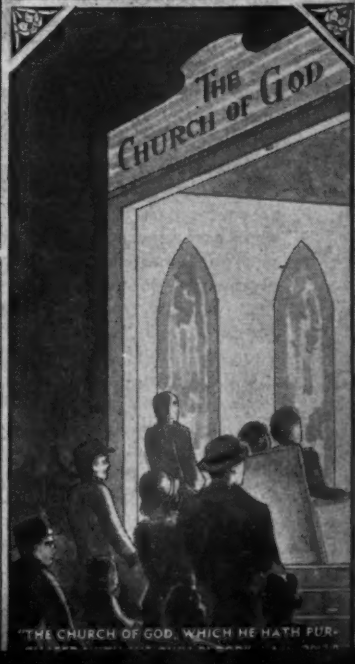
"HE THAT BELIEVETH AND IS BAPTIZED
SHALL BE SAVED" Mark 16:16



"AND THEY WERE ALL FILLED WITH THE HOLY GHOST,
AND BEGAN TO SPEAK WITH OTHER TONGUES" Acts 2:4



"WHEREFORE JESUS ALSO, THAT HE MIGHT
SANCTIFY THE PEOPLE WITH HIS OWN BLOOD,
SUFFERED WITHOUT THE GATE" Heb. 13:12



"THE CHURCH OF GOD, WHICH HE HATH PUR-



On April 30 we will begin a revival with Brother A. V. Childers in charge. On May 14 we will have our home coming. We are expecting to have our district overseer, Brother W. M. Stallings, with us that day, also other visiting ministers and, if possible, our state overseer, Brother E. W. Williams. We especially invite our former pastors. Everyone come and bring a well-filled basket as dinner will be served on the ground. Pray for our revival.—T. J. Looney, Rt. 1, Mount Holly, N. C.

We will have all-day fellowship service at the Church of God in Soddy, Tenn. April 30. All the churches in and around Soddy are urged to come and be with us. We have just closed a very successful revival and the church is getting along fine, for which we thank God. We will have dinner on the ground at the fellowship service and if you want to you may bring a filled basket. We are expecting visitors from several districts to be with us, so don't miss the feast at the Lord's table.—D. A. Hensley, pastor, Soddy, Tenn.

To the Y. P. E's and Sunday Schools in Indiana: I give here a brief report of an outstanding event in each church: Carbon, the first to send for Brother Ingram's book on missions; Coalmont, the highest average in daily Bible reading; Ft. Wayne, largest reading circle membership, also library; Indianapolis, Holy Ghost rhythm in song service; Jasonville, largest Sunday School average in state; Paxton, Brother Staats, state overseer, and family present on my last visit there; Shelburn, an outpouring of the Holy Ghost in the Y. P. E.; Terre Haute, largest Y. P. E. in the state; Linton, most rapid growth in Sunday School in any one month; Bright, most prompt and complete in sending report.

Attention! The first Monday after the last Sunday in each month has been set as your report day. May 1 will then be your next report day. We will count on you one hundred per cent to make promptness queen of May so we may complete our report for our state convention which is May 4-7. Please have your state song ready too. Thank you. "Always" and "Not," Luke 18:1.—Bessie E. Jackson, S. S. and Y. P. E. superintendent of Indiana, 327 W. Brackenridge, Ft. Wayne, Ind.

CORRECTION: In the April 15 issue of the Evangel (page 11) under the heading "Varney, W. Va." we stated that one of the speakers was Brother D. B. Hat-

field. This speaker was a Brother Hatfield but not D. B. Hatfield.

The Church of God near Juniper, Ga. (Pine Knott) will begin a revival May 6, conducted by Brother G. W. Price of Toccoa, Ga. There will be all-day service and dinner on the ground May 14. Neighboring churches are invited to help. Please pray for the revival.—L. T. Clements, pastor, Rt. 1, Box 373, Columbus, Ga.

Special Notice

Brother and Sister John P. Kluzit of Haiti have written us, requesting that we ask all of you who receive letters from Haiti requesting money, to send these letters to the General Secretary and Treasurer, Brother E. J. Boehmer, even if such letters propose to be signed by Brother and Sister Kluzit.

It will pay you to send all moneys intended for foreign fields to the General Secretary and Treasurer.—J. H. Walker, General Overseer.

A revival started at Henning, Minn., April 19, the Ramsey Band in charge. Also our district convention will convene at Pelican Rapids April 29, 30. Our first service will be Saturday afternoon at 2:30 p. m.; evening service at 8:00 p. m., all day Sunday and Y. P. E. at 7:00 p. m. We are expecting a great time in the Lord. We ask that all of our people bring a well-filled box or basket of good eats. We will spread our dinner in the hall and eat together. We will be looking for you. All are welcome.

You who read this please pray that God will give us a good time. We've been having some wonderful services in the state. What a wonderful service we had at Jenkins on Saturday night and Easter Sunday. We thank God for the good pastor there, Brother J. J. Kisser, and his wife. They have surely been a blessing in Jenkins. Please pray for them, also remember the Ramsey Band in prayer.—H. E. Ramsey, overseer of Minnesota, Box 382, Fergus Falls, Minn.

The Fonde, Ky. district convention will convene at the Fonde Church of God April 28-30. We want all good ministers and people everywhere to come and dine with us. We also want someone to hold us a good revival afterwards. We are looking for many to be there but most of all we are looking for Jesus. Please don't let it be too far or the weather too bad to come, neither think it will cost you too much money. Remem-

ber who gave it to you. Please bring your music and house cars and bring all you can and help put the Church of God on top everywhere, especially at Fonde, Ky. —Sister A. J. Lowe, Fonde, Ky.

At this writing I am in a revival at Collinsville, Ill. Those wishing to write me may address your mail to 1407 Gross Ave., East St. Louis, Ill.—C. E. Richard.

We will have home coming day May 21. We invite everybody to come be with us. We plan a real day in the Lord. Bring a well-filled basket and come prepared to stay all day. Service begins at 9:45 a. m. Everybody come to the Church of God at Busha Chapel, five miles southwest of Purvis, Miss.—The pastor, R. L. Cameron, Hattiesburg, Miss.

To the ministers and laity of the Bluefield, Va. district: Our district convention will convene at Abbs Valley church May 19-21, inc. All ministers are expected to call off your regular services and attend the convention. Please try to be up with your ten cents per member for aged ministers, also your mission quota. All ministers, exhorters, evangelists and other ministers on the district, please remember that the ruling of the Assembly is that we must pay our tithes before we can get our credentials and we must pay our tithes to retain them, so now consider this and come on and be loyal to your obligation. Pay your tithes into the church where your membership is and God will bless you, but if you won't do this, please be man enough to bring your credentials to the district convention and turn them in to the proper authorities. Come on and let's make this a greater convention than we have ever had on this district.—A. J. Cox, district overseer, Seaboard, Va.

To whom it may concern: Sister Lois Woods has been appointed clerk of the Church of God at Brilliant, Ala. as I have moved away from church and do not get to attend regular.—M. C. McCombs, ex-clerk, Winfield, Ala.

To whom it may concern: I am open for calls in the evangelistic work. I have the burden of lost souls on my heart. Anyone desiring me for a revival, please let me know at once. There is just my wife, two small children and I.—R. P. Culpepper, Gen. Del., Oak Hill, Fla.

We will have home coming at Fleming Chapel Church of God near Fleming store May 21. We are planning to have all-day service with dinner on the ground. We hope every member and friend will come be with us. We invite you to come and bring your singers and
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Truth

BY S. J. WOOD

Text: St. John 18:38
WHAT IS TRUTH?

This question was asked of Jesus by Pilate, the Roman officer, who later, after much persuasion of the Jewish church officials, condemned and surrendered Him to them to be crucified.

The value and virtue of truth cannot be overestimated, whether pertaining to things temporal or eternal. It is one of the fundamental ingredients that God's guaranteed recipe contains in answer to the question, "Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill? . . . He that speaketh the truth in his heart."

Sin and depravity always have been, are now, and always will be an enemy of truth. So far-reaching has the effect of sin and transgression become in past ages that God was tempted to destroy humanity entirely. God looked down from heaven upon the children of men to see if there were any that did understand (know the truth), that did seek God. Psalms 14:2; 53:2.

Isaiah weaves into his message to Israel a repetition of these findings and says in part, "Your lips have spoken lies, your tongue hath muttered perverseness. None calleth for justice, nor any pleadeth for truth. They trust in vanity and speak lies. Truth is fallen in the street and equity cannot enter." Isaiah 59. Then, the dear old evangelistic, weeping prophet appears and begins to cry out, "Oh, that my head were waters, and mine eyes a fountain of tears . . . Oh, that I had in the wilderness a lodging place of way-faring men . . . They bend their tongues like their bow for lies; but they are not valiant for the truth upon the earth." Jeremiah 9:1-3.

I do not pretend to say that truth is as wanton today as it ever was, but I do fear that we are fast approaching an age that will be almost as void of God and truth as it was in that day that God looked down from heaven upon the children of men to see if there were any that did understand, that did seek God. The flood, or earth's baptism of water, and preservation of Noah and his family, was God's first way of dealing with that kind of situation; the sending of His only begotten Son full of grace and truth was another but the next will be the second coming of His only begotten Son and the preservation of the saints of God who have obeyed and possessed the truth, and earth's baptism of fire.

At St. John 17:17 Jesus prays for His apostles and all believers and calls upon His Father to "sanctify them through thy truth, thy word is truth."

It might be well to notice that the man who asked the question of our text didn't wait for any answer at all when he asked this, but went out unto the Jews and declared unto them, "I find in him no fault at all."

The epistle of the Apostle John deals very extensively with the matter of truth. Without any lengthy preliminaries, He began thus, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth . . . For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ." St. John 1st chapter. Therefore, we at once conclude that Jesus Christ, here on earth, was

TRUTH AND SPIRIT, PERSONIFIED

Moving on to the fourteenth chapter of the Epistle of John, at verse 6 Jesus declares Himself to be the way, the truth, and the life, and at verse 17, upon certain conditions of obedience, He assures His apostles that they will receive the promised Comforter, even the Spirit of truth; at verse 26 He declares this Comforter, Spirit of truth, to be none other than the Holy Ghost, and further on in the following chapter and 26th verse declares He says that when this Comforter, Spirit of truth (Holy Ghost), did come that it would testify of Him and they

would bear witness (or evidence). Immediately following this He prays that prayer of all prayers. Next He goes with them into the garden of Gethsemane where He is taken, first to Annas, father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest. Next he is sent, bound, unto Caiaphas and from Caiaphas to the judgment hall before Pilate. After several consultations among Pilate, the Jews and Jesus, Jesus boldly declares to Pilate that His mission in this world was to bear witness unto the truth. This bold declaration wrung the question from Pilate.

WHAT IS TRUTH?

Well, since truth in its broadest sense is that that is the absolute true facts of whatsoever might be under consideration, we will only endeavor further in this article to Biblically define the question. What is truth as pertaining to the gift and graces of the Biblical, New Testament Church. We hear much of late from the pulpit and radio and much of it is very, very far from TRUTH.

We will begin our search for truth in the first and second chapters of the Acts of the Apostles. First, we notice that some claim that no one but the twelve apostles received the baptism of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost, that the one hundred twenty that had been assembled in the upper room prior to the outpouring of the Holy Spirit were not present at the outpouring, merely because none are personally referred to on that special day, and that Peter is referred to as standing up with the eleven and lifting up His voice and saying unto them But, the truth is that the first chapter of Acts tells about the one hundred twenty all being present when a

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Four Mountain Peaks of Glory

BY BERTHA BURKETTE

"Wash thyself therefore, and anoint thee, and put thy raiment upon thee, and get thee down to the floor: but make not thyself known." Ruth 3:3.

Clear, definite, almost startling, falls the imperative instructions of Naomi unto her daughter-in-law. From out the pagan unbelief of Moab and over the mount of consecration, the feet of Ruth had trudged each willing mile unto the gentle, waving, peaceful, harvest fields of Bethlehem. "Wash thyself—"

And so it is the message from the Holy Ghost today, "Wash thyself." Have you heard it, sister? Have you heard it, brother? Have you heard it, preacher? or evangelist? Have you been preaching it?

Why, what does it mean, Lord? Wash myself? Surely you must be speaking to someone else. I washed in Calvary's fountain long ago when I first gave myself to thee. I am a pastor, or evangelist. I have

won more souls than a score of other preachers. I am a Christian worker. I am a living testimony to my neighbors. I, I, I.

Oh yes, dear one, you have been very busily employed from dawn till now. You have gleaned and garnered in the field, busy with this and that, rushing here and there, feeling the harvest field would stop if it were not for your importance. You have been so busy; it seemed to thee I could not manage if it were not for your toiling. Come thou child, can't you see that is the very reason thou must wash thyself? Wash from the sense of your own importance, from the sense of your own goodness and from your labors; wash from the sense of what you have done, who are you and what have you accomplished. Wash away the dust of the harvest field and get thee down in

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EDITORIALS

Jesus' Return For His People or the Church

"And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven," Acts 1:10, 11.

Our text refers to Jesus' coming back on the clouds of heaven to catch away those who are ready to meet Him. Some seem not to understand the Scriptures and they think that there will be only one appearing of Jesus in the future and that will be when He comes to reign a thousands years. This is made very plain in Rev. 19:11-16. But our message today is on His coming to take His people out of the world of trouble.

The Old Testament prophets' foreview of His coming was mostly concerning His birth and rejection. Often passages in the Bible blend in one the two different aspects of His coming, but in studying the Scriptures closely we feel sure we will be able to show that His next appearance will be to take a special people out of the world of trouble. The Old Testament prophets themselves were perplexed about the seeming contradiction of scriptures concerning His coming. This was partially cleared away by the Messiah being born of a virgin. Isa. 7:14.

"And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also," John 14:3.

Jesus is here comforting His disciples and those who had followed Him, telling them He would come again and receive them unto Himself. It seems that the disciples didn't fully comprehend His sayings until after He arose again, but this scripture has direct reference to His com-

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ing to catch away His people. So often Jesus said things to His followers concerning His coming to catch away His people and they passed them up lightly and didn't seem to know the meaning.

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live. For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself; And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man. Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation," John 5:25-29.

This scripture refers to two resurrections. At Jesus' coming back to catch His people away only the righteous dead will hear His voice and come forth, and it is at this time that He will reward those who have been faithful. Verse 29 infers that some will come forth that are evil and we are sure this refers to the last or white throne judgment when all the wicked dead that have lived will be resurrected. We are sure that the Scriptures bear us out in the thought that the righteous dead will be resurrected one thousand years, at least, before the wicked dead are resurrected.

"For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord," 1 Thess. 4:14-17.

This scripture sets forth more clearly

than any passage in the Pauline Epistles that Jesus will descend and raise the sleeping dead and change the living saints. This is a glorious expectation of the Church and there is nothing so dear to Christians as this glorious hope that there will come a time when Christ will come back and bring to the saints that glorious victory and blessing for which they have toiled. I am sure that only those who are made holy by the indwelling Spirit will go with Jesus at this time. It will pay us to be careful about our conversation and not allow anything to turn us aside from following after Him.

"For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself," Phil. 3:20, 21.

I am sure there is nothing that we should be as careful about as our conversation, and in fact, our general Christian life should be carefully guarded. Verse 21 tells us that our vile bodies, that is, our fleshly bodies, will be changed at that time, and will be fashioned like unto His glorious body.

"But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only. But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up. Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh. Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season? Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods. But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; and shall begin to smite his fellow-servants, and to eat and drink with the drunken; the lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of, and shall cut him

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The PERRY-SCOPE

Treasures—New and old From Far and Near

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The Great Apostasy Set In

World conditions show that the great apostasy foretold in the Scriptures has fast developed. "Dawn" quotes D. W. Langridge as saying in the "*Christian World*," Russia turned away from the faith and loudly trumpets abroad her Atheism. Italy, also, has adopted a new religion which they call Fascism, in which the place of God is taken by the state, and that obedience which used to be claimed for Him is now, under duress, claimed by the state. And as much may be said of Germany's Nazism. Thus we see apostasy rampant. Perhaps heathenism would be the more accurate word. Great men and great nations turning away from Christianity officially and deliberately. And this modern apostasy is accompanied by, and enforced by, persecution—persecution comparable in extent and remorselessness with anything which the past has to deplore. The present state of affairs would have seemed entirely impossible and fantastic had it been forecast twenty years ago—more than half Europe gone heathen. And what about the next twenty years? Shall we live to see more astonishing things yet?

To judge by externals is to test the gold by the way it glitters; when, really, the only place to prove the pure metal is in the refiner's crucible.

The Lord not only said, "Go and do," but He furnishes the grace and power that men need to go where He bids and to do what He commands.

Hanged by His Own Rope

Recently a young adventurous climber, with a rope tied about himself, attempted to climb Mt. Breakneck, a very dangerous mountain in New York State. This rope, of course, was his means of safety. When at the most dangerous point on the mountain the wind blew him off. The rope became entangled about his neck and he was strangled to death as he hung by the rope 1200 feet in the air. That which he planned to save his life was the means of his death. What a tragedy!

Has that never been the case with another? Yes, indeed. How many thousands of eternity-bound souls have trusted their future destiny to hopes that were false. The young man's rope might have saved his life if it had not become entangled about his neck. But the sinner's false hope can never be made to save him.

Honesty, earnestness, sincerity nor anything else will make it work. Jesus said, "I am the way," and he that tries to go "any" other way is "a thief and a robber."

You are climbing up some other way, *If you are depending on your own goodness to save you;*

If you are depending on your good name to save you;

If you are depending on your good works to save you;

If you expect to make it through without the blood of Jesus.

Don't let your own rope hang you.

How Will the Jews Remember Hitler

Dr. L. S. Bauman told the following story at a meeting of the Southern California Premillennial Association:

Hitler wished to ascertain the feelings of his subjects, and summoned unto himself men typical of all elements in the population, among them a patriarchal rabbi. All those in his presence outdid themselves in praising him and his works, but only the rabbi was silent and brooding, so that at last Hitler became annoyed and demanded to know of the Jew what he was doing. Whereunto the rabbi replied that he was thinking deeply of an important problem, and upon the Fuehrer's insistence the Jew finally revealed his thoughts:

"It is thus, your highness. Once upon a time the Jews were tortured by Pharaoh in Egypt and he was smitten for it and in remembrance of that day we now eat matzoh. Later the Jews were persecuted by a tyrant named Haman, who was at length hanged, and in remembrance thereof we eat hamantash. And I sit here pondering, your highness, what we shall eat in remembrance of you."—*Prophecy.*

We must not be deceived by appearances but be sustained by promises. When Jacob looked upon Joseph's coat which had been brought to him, he should have said, "I see the coat that is covered with blood. I hear the report of the death of Joseph, but, Lord, I believe thy word, thy promises concerning the greatness and the glory of my son. What thou hast spoken thou wilt perform."—*Selected.*

Looking Down or Up

A certain noted saint said that a Christian is not a man who lives on earth and looks up to heaven, but one who is living in heaven and looking down upon

the earth. Set your affection, your mind, your undivided heart upon the things which are above, on Christ; and if Christ has your heart He has your all. Oh, that the Lord may keep us watching, waiting, expecting, so that when we see Him we shall not be surprised, but we will gladly say, "Welcome, Lord, we are glad to see thee;" and if we are thus living we shall not be among the number who will be ashamed before Him at His glorious appearing for His own.

Nothing Mine But God

In recently looking through the memoir of Mrs. Savage, the sister of Matthew Henry, the great commentator, we notice this entry in her diary: "Resolved to call nothing mine but God." This reminds us of the requirements of Jesus, "whosoever be he of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple;" and also of the apostle's representation of the Christian's possessions, "All things are yours." Truly if this be so, "he that loseth his life" for Jesus' sake, "shall find it."

Discord. The fires of discord are more ruinous to the Church than ever the fires of persecution.

Before God's All-Seeing Eye

John Wesley once said, "If you believe that God is about your bed, and about your path, and spieth out all your ways, then take care not to do the least thing, nor to speak the least word, nor to indulge the least thought, which you have reason to think would offend Him. Suppose that a messenger of God, an angel, were now standing at your right hand, and fixing his eyes upon you, would you not take care to abstain from every word or action that you knew would offend him? Yea, suppose one of your mortal fellow servants, suppose only a holy man, stood by you, would you not be extremely anxious how you conducted yourself both in word and action? How much more cautious ought you to be when you know, not a holy man, not an angel of God, but God Himself, the Holy One, is inspecting your heart, your tongue, your hand, every movement, and that He Himself will surely call you to an account for all you think, speak, or act!"

Death to the Christian

A good man, when dying, once said, "Formerly death appeared to me like a wide river, but now it has dwindled to a little rill; and my comforts, which were as the rill, have become as the broad and deep river."

We do not have joys only for the present in today's victories, but these prepare us for time to come.

News From the Mission Field

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature," Mark 16:15.

ZENO C. THARP, Secretary of Mission Board

The Signs Are Following

Mark 16:17, "And these signs shall follow them that believe; in my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues."

Christ confirms His Word with signs and that of which His Word has spoken. St. Mark tells us that these signs shall follow them that believe; in Christ's name they shall cast out devils and speak with new tongues. These signs are being fulfilled in India. Praise God!

I was in a district meeting just the other week and God blessed in a marvelous way. On Saturday night I had a dream. I dreamed I was in service preaching and I saw a young boy who was devil-possessed circling around me. I tried to hide behind my interpreter but could not. I asked my interpreter not to let him to me as I could not speak in his language enough to command him to go. But he came nearer and all I could think of was, "I rebuke you, Satan, in the name of Jesus Christ." Then I awoke and the dream made such an impression on me that I spoke out loud, "I rebuke you in the name of Jesus Christ," and then went back to sleep. I told my dream to my interpreter and others where I was camping when I awoke.

The Sunday service started about eleven o'clock. I preached and Brother M. Benjamin spoke and God blessed in a wonderful way. When we were closing my interpreter asked for all to stand and raise their hands and praise God for the convention. While we were all praising God I heard a scream as though someone was hurt. I looked and saw a woman on the ground. The people gathered around her and began to plead the blood. I asked her what was wrong and was told she was devil-possessed. I thought of my dream and went over to her. My, what a scene! She did not look insane but you could see the very demons from the regions of hell all over her. While others were praying I said, "I rebuke you in the name of Jesus Christ." When we would plead the blood she would roll over and fight the ground but it wasn't long until she was completely delivered. Praise God.

The devil cannot stay where the blood-stained banner is raised. Thank God. I hear of many others who are delivered. Recently, one native worker was called to pray for a woman who was devil-possessed, in a town where we have no work at all. The devils informed him they were three and very old. One had previously inhabited a priest, another an old Hindu

woman and the third the older sister of the woman who was being prayed for. She was wonderfully delivered by God's power and as a result there was a request from a near-by town for prayer for another woman who was also devil-possessed. She was in stocks because she was so fierce. She had grabbed her mother and dragged her into a dark place and began to chew her hand and suck her blood. Her mother screamed for help and was rescued from the daughter but she had to have part of her hand amputated because of this. After some prayer, the girl became quiet and was released from her stocks and remained silent, staring at those who had prayed. Then the devil spoke out and asked for an offering of blood before he would depart. These people give themselves over to Satan and are used by him in many ways. Some have power with Satan that they call down wild birds and talk to them, but thank God, Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever. He commissioned His disciples to preach the gospel and He confirmed it with signs following, Acts 8:7. Philip, one of the first missionaries, had this experience at Samaria, Acts 16:18. Also St. Paul at Philippi and Ephesus, Acts 19:15, 16. So if the gospel is preached Christ will confirm it with signs. Pray for us that God will be glorified in our lives.

This is such a large open field. Reader, if God speaks to you about this place, take heed, for we are in the last days and we will soon get to tell the story to angels of how we escaped the demon powers of hell. Let us not lay up for ourselves treasures here, but do all we can to reap golden grain, praise God, that we might have a harvest to lay at the Master's feet for a crown of rejoicing.—Yours for lost souls in India, Hoyle L. Case, Chengannur P. O., Travancore, South India.

Barbados Not the Least Among the B. W. I.

On the night of March 25 we boarded the S. S. North Star liner for Port Au Prince, Haiti, en route to Barbados. We landed in Haiti the 27th and spent two days with the saints there. We enjoyed a good time with the students, orphans, and Brother Kluzit and family. We found the work still moving onward. The afternoon of the 29th we boarded the S. S. Van Rensselaer and sailed for Barbados. We were until April 8 getting to Barbados. We visited several Venezuelan ports and the islands of Curacao and Trinidad.

Surely there is lots of work to be done for the Church in these places. They have never been touched by the Church of God ministry and I wonder how long it will be before we will be able to reach these wide-open needy fields. Lord, help us to push the cause as never before.

FINAL LAP OF JOURNEY BY PLANE

We took the K. L. M. plane from Trinidad to Barbados and were met by Brother Winter, the assistant to Brother Marshall as overseer, and was warmly received into Brother Marshall's home where we stayed. Soon we were in the middle of a great convention which was well represented by the different churches. The building was filled and God met with us. The power fell in the old time way and some prayed their way through to God. The saints seemed encouraged and the ministry appeared more determined than ever to work for God and the Church.

I traveled throughout the island visiting the different stations and I found there are a number that are building new buildings or enlarging their old buildings for services. The meetings in the country were well attended despite the fact that the folks are in the middle of the cane harvest. Last night we left the Elliton's church and as we stood by a large bus filled with young people we were made to rejoice when we saw their shining faces as the entire crowd was singing the praises of the Lord and clapping their hands. As the bus pulled away out in the distance we could hear them singing. It made me weep for joy to think that the same Christ that saved me in America years ago is still saving souls, even the black race in the islands of the sea.

Barbados has a population of about twenty-two thousand and is about twenty-one miles long and fourteen miles wide. It is highly cultivated and its chief industry is cane. The people are very ambitious and I believe the island is one among the leading islands of the B. W. I.

The Church in Barbados is launching a home mission program this year, which we trust will add greatly to their up-building. Let us remember to pray for the work in Barbados, that it will ever move forward until the Lord says it's enough.

May the Lord bless you all.—Sincerely, Paul H. Walker, mission field representative.

CLIFFTON, Jam.—I am glad to report our work in the little church at Clifton. Though the devil fights us so much we are gaining ground through Jesus. We are having a wonderful time in this country under the supervision of our state overseer, H. A. Hudson. Praise the Lord! Since the close of the island

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The Church of God Continues to Go Onward in Great Progress

God Marvelously Blessing With Overshadowing Presence. Like a Mighty Army With Banners Waving, We March Forward SPIRITUALLY, NUMERICALLY, FINANCIALLY

Her Greatest Program Which Continually Proves An Ever Increasing Blessing and Advancement in the Cause of Christ. Reports Show Most Appreciated Success Over a Number of Years

First, I wish to call your attention to the many glorious, old time, Pentecostal revivals in progress throughout the nation—some of the greatest in many years, revivals where the fire of God's blessings fall, melting away oppositions, defeating demons, and the old devil, giving the ministers power with God, whose messages are freighted with the blessed anointing of the Holy Ghost so that the Word preached is effective. Saints are delivered from the old, binding, cold, indifferent spirits, which destroy their joy and usefulness. Yes, I mean real deliverance which restores their happy, glorious liberty and freedom in the service, to shout the praises of God; to get under soul-travailing burdens, where they can more successfully help to bring souls to genuine fellowship with the Lord. Mothers, fathers, we need that victory, that burden, that true love, and unless we get it our precious boys and girls will slip right through our fingers to hell. My soul cries out to God, "Oh, give us more old time revivals."

REPORTING: More and better reports are coming from most everywhere. In fact, more ministers reporting now than in the whole history of the Church. The first six months of this Assembly year, compared with the corresponding six months of last year, show a remarkable gain in the various departments. The average number of ministers reporting monthly, 1,776. Number of sermons preached since the Assembly, 112,502; number converted, 19,717. This is a gain over the first six months of last year of 2,361; number filled with the Holy Ghost, 7,771, which is a gain over last year of 478. Since the Assembly there have been 7,173 added to the Church. (Incidentally, we did not check the records on the number reporting, number of sermons preached and the number added to the Church for the same period last year.)

FINANCE: The finance is still coming in good in general for the various departments of the Church. **TITHES:** For the first six months of last Assembly year we received \$22,586.77. For the same period this year we received \$28,639.50, which is an increase over last year's high record by \$6,052.73 or a

26.8% increase.

AGED MINISTERS: The first six months of last assembly year we received \$5,015.75. For the same period this year we received \$5,316.10 which is an increase of \$300.35 or an increase of 5.9% over last year.

MISSIONS: Under the same comparison our missions show a decrease this year, over the same period of last year, of \$3,484.91. The Assembly, you understand, asked that one-half of the convention offerings be retained in the states, and incidentally, I know of one state where, I understand, the part for foreign missions of the district offerings is near \$1,000.00 and we are to receive a check shortly for the full sum; however, this would not be sufficient to make up this difference, but there might be others who have not sent in their part on the foreign missions, from the district conventions.

ORPHANAGE: Cash receipts for the first six months is \$10,333.36, which represents a gain over the same period of last year, of \$1,738.02. This is indeed a nice increase and does not include the special offering for the orphanage taken Easter Sunday.

PUBLISHING HOUSE: We are not able at this period of the year to determine the amount of profits actually made. The number of Evangel subscriptions for this year is the highest it has been in many years. March 3, we had 8,073, which is 1,522 gain over May 12, last year, and almost doubles the subscriptions of three years ago, which number May 12, 1936 was 4,308.

LIGHTED PATHWAY: We are indeed delighted to see this department register such a wonderful increase. For five months this year cash received is \$3,856.27 which is a gain of \$1,947.11, or more than doubles the amount of cash received for the same period last year. The circulation of March, 1938 was 7,500; for March, 1939 it was 20,000, which is a gain of 12,500 papers in one year. This represents 166⅔% increase over last year. Truly this is marvelous indeed. May God continue to bless our young people, Sister Harrison and all others, who through their co-operation has made this paper the wonderful suc-

cess and blessing it is to the many thousands, and may it ever continually grow.

RETROSPECTIVE VIEW

It is indeed wonderful when we think of the progress the Church of God has made in recent years, and I feel that you would appreciate the information from our records concerning same.

CHURCHES: In 1938 we had on record 1,760, in 1935 1,413, or a gain of 115⅔% average churches each year. But, take a glance ten years ago; in 1928 we had only 789 churches. Compared with 1938 shows 971 churches, or an average of 97.1 churches gained each year.

MINISTERS: (Bishops, Deacons and Evangelists) In 1938 we had 2,834, in 1935 we had 2,304, which is a gain of 530 in three years, or ten years ago we had only 1,239, so you can clearly see that we have almost doubled our number of ministers in the last ten years.

MEMBERSHIP: In 1938 we had 64,215, an increase of 14,571, or a gain of 4,857 each year. But taking a glance at ten years ago we only had 24,332. This represents a gain of 39,883 members in ten years, or an average increase of 3,988 members every year.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS: 1938 we had 1,447. In 1935 we had 1,063, an increase of 384 or 128 each year. In 1928 we had only 579, which is a gain in ten years of 868 Sunday Schools. This by far doubles the number of Sunday Schools, or a gain of 86.8 Sunday Schools each year.

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE in Sunday Schools. In 1938 we had 72,313. In 1935 we had 52,942, a gain of 19,371 or an average increase of 6,457 each year for the last three years. In 1928 our average attendance was only 23,263. This shows a gain of 49,050 more attendance in Sunday Schools than ten years ago.

LOCAL CHURCH PROPERTY APPROXIMATE VALUE: In 1938 our records show we have \$1,515,467.00 worth of property. In 1935 the value was \$896,845.00, a gain in three years of \$618,622.00, which is over \$206,207.00 a year increase in church property value. In 1928, ten years ago, our property value was \$424,017.00. This makes a total gain for ten years of \$1,091,451.00.

The total sum of value of the local churches and the general Church property in 1938 was \$1,689,267.00.

MISSIONS: Will you please take another glance at our missions? In 1938 our missions were located in some twelve foreign countries. Our offerings totaled \$28,583.89 for the short year. The sun never sets on the mission work of the

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BRIEF REPORTS

"A good report maketh the bones fat," Prov. 15:30.

Matewan District Convention

We truly thank God for the wonderful way in which He met with us during the Matewan, W. Va., district convention of the Church of God held at North Matewan, W. Va., March 31-April 2.

Friday night as we entered the building we could feel the sweet fellowship and unity. Our state overseer, Brother M. P. Cross, opened the service. Our pastor, Brother Jobie Kesler gave the welcome address. I believe everybody was feeling a heavenly breeze. Those giving talks and sermons during the convention were Brother Leonard Marcum, Sister Verdia Varney, Brothers Haskell Compton, H. L. York, Dewey Estep, Harry Dingess, Vance Cantrell, T. A. Richard, James Stephen, M. P. Cross, state overseer, E. R. Noel and Ezra Bowen. The Bannister brothers surely were at their best with their special singing and music.

The power and demonstration of the Holy Ghost was seen and felt in a wonderful way. The precious nearness of Jesus was with us. An offering for missions was taken in the amount of \$81.00. Truly we thank God.

I think I should mention here that our district overseer, Brother H. H. Tygart, and Brother Kesler, our pastor, surely worked to make this gathering of God's people a blessing.—Mrs. J. C. Varney, Matewan, W. Va.

First 1939 District Convention

The first 1939 district convention of the Ada, Okla., district was a success. If the following district conventions surpass this first one of the year, we may leave one of them for glory. Brother Bloomingdale says it is the best yet in Oklahoma and someone said it was better than the Assembly.

The main reason for its being so wonderful was that the power of God fell in every service. After Brother Bloomingdale's message the first night the power fell in "showers" of blessings. Praise God.

On Saturday morning after Brother Claude Sharp's message the Holy Ghost took charge and a sinner man heeded the call of the Lord and was saved. Other speakers who delivered interesting messages were Brothers E. A. Eason, Paul Eason, Brother Knight and Brother Rurark.

All of the churches on the district were represented. At Bullet Prairie Brother Brooks is pastor. God is blessing there. He has some good Indian singers there and other faithful saints to help him. Brother Joe Atchley is pastor at

Ravia and several delegates were happy over their good report. They appreciate their good pastor and his wife and the work is going good. The W. W. B. is on the job. Ada was well represented and the faithful pastor, Brother E. T. Curtsinger, gave a good report. With the help of faithful members and interested young people the Sunday School has grown to be the largest in the state. The saints and friends of Ada so willingly entertained the delegates. We truly appreciate their hospitality.—Mrs. Geo. M. Bloomingdale, Box 656, Maud, Okla.

PARIS, Mich.—We are glad to report victory here at North Woodville Church of God. We are also thankful for the faithfulness of the members here who work faithfully with their pastor. We were very glad to have our state overseer and his wife with us. His timely messages were encouraging to all who heard him. Sister Standifer was with us two nights while Brother Standifer was visiting other churches. Her messages were a blessing to all present. God's presence filled the building. Praise the Lord. We all learned to love Brother and Sister Standifer while they were here.

Please pray that many will find the Lord here.—Lyle R. Jackson, pastor.

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

I praise the Lord that I am still enjoying salvation. We had a wonderful time 'April 4 at my home. We were gathered together and one sister said the Lord sent her to see me. We were talking about service and began talking in tongues. The Holy Ghost took charge and we had a wonderful time with just six members present. How wonderful it is to live true to God. I am a member of the Church of God at Half Acre, Ala. Brother Knight is our pastor and he preaches pure Bible.

Preachers and church members, you had better let your heart be right, for I don't think we have long to work. Pray for me to be ready, to do what the Lord wants me to do. We have had messages given out in tongues and interpreted to get closer and come unto the Lord or live right time after time. I want to be one in that number. I feel like the Lord wants me to do something for Him. Pray for me to understand what He wants me to do. When we testify let it be true; if it's not, God knows it. People, you can't fool God. You may fool the preacher but that all-seeing eye is watching you. I am trying to live to make heaven my home.—Mrs. J. G. Huckabee.

Lexington, Ky. Church Growing Fast

LEXINGTON, Ky.—Lexington Church of God is growing fast. We started having prayer meetings in the homes and found seven out of eleven members who were willing to stand by the church. We rented a hall in November, 1938, built seats, a rostrum, purchased a piano and many other items and the writer conducted the first revival with several saved, sanctified, filled with the Holy Ghost and eleven added to the church. Then Brother Carl M. Hughes and his wife came and helped us. They were a blessing. Brother Hughes preached sound doctrine and many endured. Sister Shideler then came and gave us a revival during which time twenty were saved, several sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, ten baptized in water and several added to the church. The revival spirit is still going; people are getting saved and coming in the church.

We purchased a corner lot on Lexington Manor, a real spot for a Church of God tabernacle and parsonage. We plan to build this summer.

Our Y. P. E. members are workers. We won the state banner and our Sunday School is growing. We started with a few and our average is better than fifty at this report and we expect one hundred soon. We are determined to work and build till Jesus comes.

We have some real workers in our L. W. W. B. which was organized by the writer this year. They did not know what it was. My wife got the zeal when she attended the Assembly and she is looking forward to a larger band this summer. They have raised several dollars already.

Please keep praying for us. We are going over the top with our program which was passed by the Assembly. We are also pushing our mission work hard so we can help get the gospel to others. We have some people now who really see the need of this great work. We are looking for our Michigan and Ohio friends to stop and visit us as they go to the Assembly. Please write me your plan so we can make arrangements for you.—W. T. Truett, 107 Rand Ave., Phone 8498.

Enjoying His Blessings in Rockmart, Ga.

ROCKMART, Ga.—We at Rockmart are enjoying the blessings of the great celestial Trio, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Since the church was organized about fourteen months ago God has blessed it with a number of good loyal Church of God members, for which we thank Him. The loyal members are the ones who have made the Church of God what it is today the world over.

We closed a revival April 1 in which nine were sanctified, five filled with the

Holy Ghost and a number saved. The revival was conducted by Brother W. O. Boheler of South Carolina.

I also praise God for His wonderful healing power. My companion was stricken several weeks ago with an infirmity which caused her to suffer severely. She suffered several attacks and each time God would touch her body and she was relieved. Finally as she was suffering an attack victory came and since that time she hasn't complained one time. Praise His holy name. I feel His wonderful power right now.—J. R. Chambers, pastor.

FT. WAYNE, Ind.—We have just finished three months with the church here. The approval of God has been upon every service. Tithes and offerings have gone over \$225.00, saying nothing of missions and aged ministers' fund, which will be in full. Five have been saved, two filled with the Holy Ghost and five added to the church. The saints are doing good work. We have twenty-five active members. Please pray for the church at Ft. Wayne.—Geo. White, district pastor, F. Wildason, clerk.

Lord Blessing in New Fields

McMINNVILLE, Tenn.—After about five years of serving the Lord, I find His grace still sufficient to take care of me. I am living in a new field for holiness and by the help of God I have organized two Sunday Schools. Three have received the Holy Ghost and several have been saved and sanctified.

We got an old schoolhouse at one of the places, providing we could raise enough money to buy the land to put a new one on and furnish some lumber. The trees have been given to us so we will have to pay for the hauling and sawing of the timber.

At the other place the land has been paid out and part of the lumber on the ground. All of the people are poor but we are trusting the Lord for our needs. This is a needy field. If any good Church of God preacher who will come here and preach for us a week or two we would like to get your help. The people do not live near each other here; they walk for several miles to hear the gospel. We have hopes of setting a church in order soon.

Pray for us that the Lord will provide our needs. Also pray for my father-in-law who has been blind in one eye for several years. He hurt the other one about a week ago and the doctor says he will never see much without an operation.—W. T. Johnson, Rt. 7.

COBBTOWN, Ga.—Just a note of praise to our precious Redeemer for His wonderful blessings to me. We want the devil to know we are still on the map on the Cobbtown district working for the

Lord and His Church. We have just had our district convention and to say it was wonderful would be putting it mild. We have a brand new church in Swainsboro, Ga. We began a revival April 4. Please pray that the Lord will bless us and that souls will be saved. This is a beautiful little town in South Georgia on Route No. 1. If you come this way in the next few days, stop by with us in the meeting.—J. A. Hipps.

BURNSVILLE, N. C.—I thank the Lord for old time salvation and for the way He is blessing us at Burnsville. Brother L. G. Rouse was with us Sunday night and we had a wonderful service. Some were saved and a number healed. They threw away their tobacco and their walking canes. We had such a large crowd that not all could get in the house. We covet your prayers that we will press onward.—Clyde Atkins.

Church Moved to New Location

BIRCHWOOD, Tenn.—A few weeks ago we moved from the little church at Earls Grove to Birchwood to the Methodist church. The Methodist folk let us have the church if we would repair it, putting in new windows and doors and fixing the belfry so they can ring the bell. We met at this church in Birchwood Feb. 19 and had an attendance at Sunday School of one hundred seventy-five, but the best of all God met with us and gave us a real feast. Saints were there from Chattanooga, Cleveland, Georgetown, Grasshopper and Mount Olive. Brother S. W. Latimer, the Editor and Publisher, was there and brought a real message and the Lord just blessed our souls and we were so encouraged to press on and serve God at Birchwood. Our overseer was there and gave a good talk. Brother Harris, our pastor, was there. He is a real man of God, he and his wife. We are always glad for you folks to come, so come again. God is still blessing and we have the victory.

As for me, I am whole-hearted in serving God, nothing short of holiness unto the Lord suits me. I am saved now, sanctified by the blood of my Christ and I have the good Holy Ghost dwelling in this old temple of mine, speak in tongues as the Spirit gives the utterance. That is the reason I know I am blood-washed. God's Word said the Holy Ghost won't dwell in an unclean temple. Pray for us.—Mrs. J. R. Defriese.

He Got Willing

WESTMINSTER, S. C.—I praise the Lord for old time salvation that helps us love everybody. I thank the Lord for joy, peace and the Holy Ghost which I can feel in my soul. Glory to God. I am so glad I love the Lord; He means so much to me. I thank and praise God for the many times He has healed in my home.

A few nights ago we met at a brother's home for prayer meeting. We had not been there but just a short while when something struck my husband. He was in a bad condition. He began to vomit; blood began to come from his nose. It seemed he grew worse and worse until it looked like he was going to die. We wanted to send for a doctor but he said there was no use. We asked if we could send for our pastor and other brethren. He had once had a good experience with God but had backslidden. He wouldn't agree for us to send for them but asked us to pray. Oh glory to God. When he got willing to obey God, He came on the scene and healed and saved him. Thank God for a Savior like that. I am so glad that Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever. Bless His dear name.

Pray for some lost brothers and sisters that they may be saved, also pray for us to live more humble before God.—Pearl Swafford.

State Convention and Camp Meeting Dates

South Carolina—April 27-30

Indiana—May 4-7

Western Maryland-Washington, D. C. district convention—May 11-14

Iowa—May 26-28

Annual Gen. Assembly (colored), Jacksonville, Fla.—May 15-21.

Florida Camp Meeting—June 1-10

Florida State Convention—June 2-3

Missouri—June 9-11

Ohio—June 15-18

Virginia—June 15-18

Michigan Camp Meeting—June 18-25

Michigan State Convention—June 23-25

North Carolina—June 22-25

Great Northwest Camp Meeting—June 26-July 4

Kansas—June 29-July 2

Northwest Convention—July 1-4

New Mexico-Colorado-Utah—July 7-9

Pennsylvania—July 6-9

Oklahoma—July 14-16

Mississippi—July 14-16

Arkansas—July 21-23

West Virginia—July 21-23

Kentucky Camp Meeting—July 24-30.

Kentucky—July 28-30

Texas Camp Meeting—July 31-Aug. 6

Texas State Convention—August 4-6

Alabama Camp Meeting—July 26-Aug. 6

Alabama State Convention—Aug. 4-6

Maryland (Eastern Shore) Camp Meeting, August 4-13

Maryland-D. C.-Delaware - East Virginia

state convention—August 11-13

Georgia—August 10-13

Iowa Camp Meeting—August 15-25

Tennessee Camp Meeting (Sevierville)—

July 20-30

Tennessee—July 27-30

Louisiana—August 24-27

Maine—September 1-4



DOROTHY, W. Va.—We praise God for working power. He has saved seven, sanctified three and filled one with the Holy Ghost. Six were baptized in water and three added to the church. We thank the Lord for it all. Sister Mary Varnell was in charge of the meeting. Please pray for our little church at Dorothy, that it will be a lighthouse to the community and a soul-saving station.—Mrs. Alfred Thompson.

LUBBOCK, Tex.—We had a three weeks' revival at Lubbock. The crowds increased from night to night and people were under deep conviction. The sermons were wonderful and greatly stirred the interest of the saints. The power of the Holy Ghost came down in a great way. Brother Bolton and his wife were the evangelists. They sang good songs also and were loved by the people. Pray that God will bless here more.—R. M. Nolen, pastor, 424 Avenue G.

DAVENPORT, Iowa.—A three weeks' revival has just closed at the Church of God at Davenport, Iowa. There were seven conversions reported. This may not sound big to some readers where there have been large revivals, but it is good for a place like Davenport, where it is so hard to have a revival because holiness has been so much abused. Our state overseer, Brother J. L. Goins, was in charge. The church was in a run-down condition when Brother Goins arrived but he had scarcely begun the protracted meetings when the crowds began to increase, and at the time the revival closed the building was almost full. We expect to begin another revival soon and ask all to please pray that many souls will be saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost.

The church is purchasing the building in which we are having services and the prospects for a strong church are good. By the help of our state overseer and the congregation a suitable parsonage is being built in the rear of the building which will aid us considerably in accommodating a good pastor. We expect, by the grace of God and the help of our state overseer, to go over the top in Davenport and have a church that will be a great attraction for honest-hearted people who love the truth and really desire to worship God in the beauty of holiness. There are many saints in this class in Davenport and near-by cities who are hungry for the unadulterated gospel of Jesus Christ and who are waiting to see if we really mean business for God and if we really make a success. There have been so many

little "two-by-four" missions that have started up and gone down because they were started by unqualified preachers and laymen as well, that the generality of honest-hearted believers has become disgusted and want a church that is more substantial to make their church home, and I believe that God will get hold of many of them and make them to know that we have just what they are looking for. Please pray that God will work mightily in this large wicked city.—Edward Pinkham, clerk, 424 22nd St., Rock Island, Ill.

JOHNSON CITY, Tenn.—The Lord wonderfully blessed in our revival which just recently closed. Brother Roy Davis of North Carolina was with us two weeks. About fifteen were saved, thirteen sanctified, several filled with the Holy Ghost and six added to the church. We appreciate a man like Brother Davis who stands for truth and right in the face of opposition. He is a true man of God and a great worker for the Lord.

We thank God for our humble pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister A. J. Swift. He has meant much to us and his messages are delivered in a soul-stirring, uncompromising way. Our church has prospered under his leadership.

We thank the Lord for our good Sunday School. We had two hundred sixteen last Sunday. The Lord wonderfully blessed. He came down in the old-fashioned way and souls were made to cry and rejoice in the Lord. We also have a good Y. P. E. We are working hard to win the banner this month. Please pray that God will continue to bless.—Mrs. O. R. Reed, Box 113.

READING, Pa.—We have just closed a three weeks' revival here with Sister Florence Kinsley, a returned missionary from Africa, as evangelist. We can report victory and say God blessed us in a special way in each service. You could feel the very presence of the Lord when you entered the door. Some nights the Holy Ghost would take charge in such a way that an altar call would be given first, song service and preaching last if any time was left. One night at the beginning of service a man who was a Catholic was very sick in body and he came forth to be prayed for. God came on the scene in such a way that he was not only healed in body but also his sick soul saved. It seems we still have a revival spirit, for on Sunday morning, March 26, the abiding presence of the Holy Ghost was with us and another soul went through to the Holy Ghost. There have been seven saved, three sanctified, twelve filled with the Holy Ghost and several more added to the church.

We have also paid \$200.00 on our church and raised \$100.00 on our state

camp ground. We are still looking for greater things to be done here in this great city. Remember us in your prayer that we might stay in the center of God's will.—Elsie Staley, 284 W. Elm St.

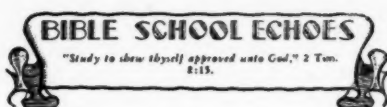
SEAFORD, Del.—We thank and praise God for the successful revival which began Feb. 18 and closed March 18, Brother T. C. Cartwright doing the preaching. God really blessed us. There were as many as twenty-two at the altar nearly every night. At the beginning the devil tried to hinder, but after our sending a request for prayer and fasting we were able to get victory. There were ten saved, seven sanctified, eight filled with the Holy Ghost and fifteen added to the church, which makes a total of ninety-two members. We need your prayers for Satan means to hinder but we are looking to God for deliverance.—Lloyd L. Palmer (colored).

ST. GEORGE, W. Va.—I praise the Lord for the wonderful revival just closed here. It was the first revival here this assembly year and we were surely in need of one. The saints were wonderfully blessed and encouraged. I believe they have a greater determination to do more for the Lord. Please pray that God will continue to bless here. Six were saved and several were at the altar when it closed. We certainly appreciated the saints from Davis, W. Va., Bro. R. L. Rexrode and his band, they rendered some fine music. We were also glad to have Brother and Sister Hanlin of Bayard, and Sister Mabel Smith, an ex-Bible student, who rendered excellent music at the organ. Best of all we love and appreciate the wonderful sermons by Brother and Sister William Everly of Harmon, W. Va. May God bless the saints everywhere is my prayer.—Silas D. Smith, clerk.

CLIFFVIEW, Va.—We just closed a revival at Cliffview, Va., with good success, for which we thank the Lord. Nine were saved, three sanctified and one filled with the Holy Ghost. The revival was conducted by Brother Clarence Simmons who is a good evangelist.—T. C. Wiggins, district pastor.

HENDERSON, N. C.—God has wonderfully blessed in Henderson. We had a three weeks' revival which started March 20 and closed April 9, conducted by Brother Edwin M. Mortenson, who did some wonderful preaching. The Holy Ghost took complete charge of the service several nights. Brother Mortenson is a real worker for God. He and his wife rendered some wonderful music and singing on their guitar and accordion. They were a great blessing to us here. Thirty-five were saved, twenty-two sanctified and fourteen filled with

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A Visit to Saskatchewan, Canada

F. W. LEMONS

I have just returned from a very pleasant visit to the South Saskatchewan Bible School, and the Churches of God at Consul and Robsart, Sask. During the two weeks I spent with the Bible School and the precious people, in what will seem to many of our Evangel readers as that far-away northern country, I had the privilege of becoming better acquainted with our neighbors on the north, and of reaching a better, more appreciative understanding of our Canadian brethren and their zeal to advance the cause of the Master in their territory. A similar visit would provide a lesson in earnestness, devotion and perseverance that would be a boon to many a churchman who has lost his zeal.

I had gone to Havre, Montana, via train, and the overseer of our work in the Province of Saskatchewan, Brother Max Brandt, drove down from Consul, a distance of about seventy miles, to meet me. It was a difficult drive and Brother Brandt and Brother Joe Reeser, who accompanied him, had driven through snow and, in some places, opened the road where no car had driven since the winter snows had fallen. Only after considerable effort were they able to get a car through at all.

On the evening of my arrival I was taken out in the country to a Y. P. E. service. Presumably, this was the first service conducted at this place—a private home—since last fall. It was decided, now that the weather had moderated and was now only approximately ten degrees below zero, that it was a good time to go there for a service, although the trip involved opening a new road through the snow. That means shoveling snow in some places, pushing and pulling cars out of snowdrifts. Brother Brandt, the overseer, did his part of pushing, pulling and shoveling, so we reached the place of meeting, and had an exceptionally interesting and profitable meeting. Part of the meeting consisted of a scripture quoting contest. According to their plan, their verses were to begin with letters, M, N, O. One can imagine my surprise when it was learned that a number of them had quoted as many as fifty verses. I learned that this was not an unusual thing for them.

Then Brother Brandt and I went to Robsart to the Bible School, where we were received with open arms by Brother J. W. Bruce, the superintendent, and all the teachers and students. It was really a happy meeting. Some of the students and teachers had been to the Northwest

Bible and Music Academy, and, of course, they were not strangers. The others were not strangers long.

We visited the classes and were impressed with the amount of work the students were doing and the earnestness with which they worked. There were no drones among them. Highly intelligent and studious though they are, they were not neglecting the spiritual phase of Bible School life. They were much given to prayer, prayer at meals, before and after classes, at chapel, and then a prayer chain. Needless to say, God was among them.

Brother Bruce, the superintendent, is a very precious and happy old brother, about seventy years of age. He has taught languages and other subjects in various colleges for twenty years, but having received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost with the evidence according to Acts 2:4, he is content to cast his lot with the Church of God and devote his experience and talents to training young lives for service in promoting the full gospel.

Through his efforts and co-operation the Church has purchased a former hospital building, which is now being used for a school building. Situated at the edge of town, it is ideal for Bible School for the present and a few years to come.

I have visited several Bible Schools, but never have I been to one with such a sumptuous bill of fare. I was amazed to find such variety, such choice meats and desserts on the daily menu. All this in view of the fact that board, room and tuition amounted to only about \$12.00 per month. It showed something of the liberality and generosity of the good people of Canada, and their unstinted co-operation in making the school a success.

The commencement service, the first in the history of the school, came on the night of March 24, and was conducted in the town hall. With considerable effort the people came from many miles around to attend this unusual service, and to witness the graduation. Some came in cars, some on train, others with teams, but they were not disappointed. I challenge any Bible School to present a finer, more spiritual program. Brother Mervyn McLuhan directed the music, Brother Wm. Morrison gave a brief history of the Church of God; there were quartets, instrumental numbers, vocal solos, and then the valedictory address by Sister Florence Bachman.

The undisputed climax came with the awarding of the diplomas by Brother Bruce. I am sure those present will long remember that scene, and that the graduates can never forget the impressive, concise, yet elegant and fatherly little speeches from their patriarchal old superintendent, when each came forward for his diploma. One could see by his tears

that he was moved profoundly, yet he was exhilarant. The tense feeling spread like a prairie fire over the audience. I presume none escaped the effect of it. There was joy amid tears.

But best of all these graduates did not feel that their striving was over. It was gratifying to hear of their plans for the future. When I left they were planning to go out in companies to invade new fields—fields which seem uninviting, even forbidding—only for the fact that the Spirit has spoken to them concerning the lost and wandering in those fields. There will be little prospects for material remuneration, I am certain, but by the time you are reading this, they will be on the front lines. What can stop those into whose hearts has come the power that raised their Lord from the dead?

Brother Brandt is doing some fine work in Canada as a leader of a great people, though they be few in number, but in my estimation his greatest and most promising work is advising, assisting, encouraging those young students in their new work. We have reason to expect, in view of their zeal and courage to work for their Master, that a new era has dawned for the Church of God in Western Canada. The annals of the future will tell it.

RADIO BROADCASTS

We will be glad to publish your broadcasts if you will send them in to us.

WRGA, Rome, Ga. The Church of God, A. H. Batts, pastor, each Monday from 10:30 to 11:00 a. m.

WCSC, Charleston, S. C. 1360 KC, each Sunday from 8:30-9:00 a. m. Church of God, Porter M. White, pastor.

WSPA, Spartanburg, S. C. Each Sunday at 3:00-3:45 p. m. Odie Smith in charge.

WAPQ, Chattanooga, Tenn., Soddy, Daisy and North Chattanooga Churches of God, each Saturday morning from 6:00-6:30.

WBG, Greensboro, N. C., 1440 KC, each Sunday evening 5:45. A. M. Phillips, pastor.

WOPI, Bristol, Tenn., 1500 KC, Each Sunday from 7:15 a. m. to 8:00 a. m. E. S. T. R. C. Cook, pastor.

WBTM, Danville, Va. Each Sunday from 1:00 p. m. to 2:00 p. m. A. O. Stewart, district overseer.

KGDE, Fergus Falls, Minn. Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1:15 to 1:45 p. m. Each Sunday 4:30 to 5:30 p. m. H. E. Ramsey in charge.

WMFD, Wilmington, N. C. Each Sunday from 3:00 to 3:45 p. m. H. T. Durden, pastor.

KADA, Ada, Okla., Feb. 16, 10:00 a. m. E. T. Curtisinger, pastor.

WSOC, Charlotte, N. C. Each Saturday, 8:30-9:00 a. m. Charlotte and Belmont, N. C. Churches of God, W. M. Stallings and A. V. Childers, pastors.

WSTP, Salisbury, N. C. 1500 KC, Kannapolis, N. C. Church of God, each Sunday morning from 9:00 to 10:00. U. D. Tidwell, pastor.

WATL, 1370 KC, Atlanta, Ga. Church of God. Each Sunday 3:00-3:30 p. m. W. T. Nelson, pastor.

KOCA, Kilgore, Tex. 250 watts, 1200 KC. R. E. Wright.

WSPA, Spartanburg, S. C. Sunrise service, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday 6:30-7:00 a. m.; Sunday, 6:30-7:15 a. m. The Gospel Band, Saturday, 3:45-4:15 p. m. C. W. Dempsey, pastor.

WMPC, Lapeer, Mich. 1300 KC. Each Friday morning 10:30-11:00. The Church of God, Flint, Mich. W. M. Barnard, pastor.

KADA, Ada, Okla. April 14, 28; 10:00 a. m. E. T. Curtisinger, pastor.

WICA, 940 KC, Ashtabula, Ohio. 9:00-9:15 a. m. each Monday. Church of God, Warren, Ohio. J. A. Lewis, pastor.



PRAY FOR:

Me to be healed of T. B.; the Lord to help my mother. Cards and letters will be appreciated.—Mary Groves, Rt. 1, Troy, Tenn.

God to heal my body; me to be lifted up; my husband to be saved and healed; friends and relatives to be saved; unspoken request.—Mrs. L. B. Johnson, Dudley, N. C.

My son who is in a serious condition.—Moss Dalton, Middlesboro, Ky.

The healing of Ola Medlin's nerves; that she can move close to a church; unspoken request.—Nancy Short, Marked Tree, Ark.

Our work here; the Lord to provide us with a church; our home.—Mrs. Jessie Watson, Gen. Del., Donna, Tex.

The people with whom I live; my wife.—W. H. Wright, Rt. 4, Somerville, Tenn.

My husband to be healed.—Mrs. Mary Connell, Rt. 1, Cullman, Ala.

The people here to see the light; God to provide.—J. T. Musgrove, Whitby Turks Island, B. W. I.

My stomach and mouth to be healed of something which I believe is pellagra; my family to receive salvation; me to have more faith; my husband to be saved.—Mrs. Essie Philpot, Etowah, Tenn.

My daughter who had a nervous breakdown which affected her mind.—Goldia Smith, 1440 Sarah Ave., E. Akron, Ohio.

The healing of my body, also my family.—G. E. Oliver, Kennesaw, Ga.

Me to be completely healed of ulcers of the stomach and an ulcer of the flesh; faith to fully trust the Lord.—Lucy Harrison, Allen Junction, W. Va.

Unspoken request; the Lord to supply my needs.—Mrs. Anna White, 415 Osborn Ave., Anderson, S. C.

The Lord to heal my body, my baby to be healed of epileptic fits. Fast and pray, if led.—Velma Crocker, Shaw, Miss.

My mother to be healed of rheumatism. Fast and pray for her; my lost home; me to stand true.—Mrs. Annie Mingo, Rt. 2, Drew, Miss.

My son and his wife to be healed of stomach trouble; pray for them both soul and body; my family and me.—Minta Brown, Big Rock, Va.

Mr. Callie Hall, Rt. 4, Piedmont, Ala. who is in serious condition; Mrs. Hall to be healed. An anointed cloth and encouraging letters appreciated.—Miss Lula Strickland, Piedmont, Ala.

The Lord to heal and keep me true.—Miss Winnie McCoy, 54 Chiquola Ave., Honea Path, S. C.

The healing of my body; to always be faithful.—Clarie Brown, Valliant, Okla.

The healing of my husband's body.—Mrs. F. J. Rudesill, Rt. 1, Bald Knob, Ark.

Freeman Gann to be healed of T. B.; a closer walk with God; my loved ones in sin.—Mrs. Willie Digby, Box 1542, Kermit, Tex.

My daughter who has diabetes which has affected her mind; her to be saved.—Mrs. Edna Polson, Morley, Tenn.

The Lord to strengthen me in body, faith and patience; me to be an overcomer; to be fully consecrated; delivered from the enemy and to submit to God.—Mrs. Scott Williams, Bethel Springs, Tenn.

My loved ones in sin to be saved.—Allie Maud Law, Lannius, Tex.

My son to be saved and come back home.—Mrs. M. Rogers, 2238 Wabash St., Detroit, Mich.

My unsaved husband; mother to be healed of rheumatism and drawn closer to God; unspoken request; sister-in-law to be healed; her unsaved husband; our church here; me.—Delpha Brown, Valliant, Okla.

Very sore leg; to be more humble.—Cludy Baswell, Heflin, Ala.

My baby to be healed.—Mrs. Jewel Pratt, Steprock, Ark.

My side to be healed of a pain; me to stand true; our church here.—W. R. Farrell, Rt. 1, Spur, Tex.

The Lord to bless us with a revival; souls to be saved.—Mrs. Ruby Barnes, Marvell, Ark.

My family to be healed; me to be completely healed; to soon be back home; our home to be a blessing for the Lord.—Maggie Lazarus, Box 2040, Orlando, Fla.

My little nephew, who has a collapsed lung which may have contracted T. B., to be healed.—Mrs. Elgin Souder, Chillicothe, Mo.

Us to get back to the Lord; the Lord to undertake for my sister; my husband to be saved and healed of bronchial trouble.—Mrs. Stella White, 1115 E. Jordan St., Pensacola, Fla.

TRUTH

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successor to Judas was selected, and mentions women as being a part of the throng of one hundred and twenty and Mary the mother of Jesus is personally referred to. The first chapter closes with the selection made in the presence of all this one hundred and twenty and the second chapter begins by saying, "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place."

WHO WAS ALL?

This is a point of controversy. Those who want to minimize the spiritual power of the Church are ready to pervert and

strain every point of scripture they possibly can to mislead people to think that nobody but the twelve apostles ever received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. I say that the ALL that is referred to at Acts 2:1 are the entire one hundred twenty that were present at the coronation of Matthias for the very fact this entire crowd is referred to all along as it leads up to the following declaration: "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were ALL with one accord in one place" (and not in two or more different places when the day was fully come). But this is not the only proof we offer to prove there were more than the twelve apostles present on this wonderful occasion.

A FULFILLMENT OF PROPHECY

Peter (Acts 2:16) declares the occasion to be a fulfillment of Joel's prophecy. "But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel." "And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy . . . And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy," vv. 17, 18.

Get around that if you can. If no one but the twelve apostles (male) were present, the occasion could not have been the fulfillment of Joel's prophecy as Peter declared it to be, for the very fact that daughters and handmaidens are included in this promise. Then, again, I refer you to Acts 1:14, 15. "These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brethren. And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples, and said, (the number of names together were about an hundred and twenty)."

DID IT CEASE HERE?

Are these one hundred twenty all that ever received the baptism of the Holy Spirit? Certainly not. "While Peter yet spake these words the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word . . . for they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God." Some say, "Yes, but at Pentecost they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and here at Cornelius' place the Holy Ghost only fell on them." Yes, that is true, but you will notice that the effect is the same, and Peter classed the two occasions identically the same. Immediately following the occasion at Cornelius' house the apostles and elders in Judea called Peter in question about it, and we quote his satisfactory explanation: "And as I began to speak the Holy Ghost fell on them as on us at the beginning . . . for as much then as God gave them the like gift as He did unto us . . . what was I that I could withstand God. When they heard these things they held

their peace and glorified God," Acts 11: 15-17. Would to God we had a people in this day that knew when to hold their peace, but such as we have today are another fulfillment of prophecy,—"Ever learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth," 2 Tim. 3:7.

But another explains it all away (they think) by saying these gifts and graces were had only by the twelve apostles and it was by and through them only that these graces were set in the Church, using as a proof 1 Cor. 12:28, "And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues." Well—

WHAT IS THE TRUTH

Pertaining to this special teaching? It is exactly this: In the first place, let me call your attention to the fact that this is a letter by the Apostle Paul to the Church of God at Corinth, written several years after Pentecost, and not a system of codes and decrees suggested by those in authority as a guide to the Church when it did start. Beginning with the twelfth division of this letter he says, "Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant."

Now you will please bear in mind that the subject of the Church of God at Corinth, having the spiritual gifts in it, is the one under consideration. At verse 4 he says there are diversities of gifts (different) but the same Spirit (or giver); to one is given wisdom, to another the word of knowledge, to another faith, to another the gifts of healing, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another divers kinds of tongues, to another interpretation of tongues, divided to every man severally (here and there) as He will. Further on he says, "Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular." And God hath set the gifts of the Spirit in it (Church of God at Corinth). Next, He further explains by asking, Do all of you have the same gift? and so on, "but covet earnestly the best gifts: and YET shew I unto you a MORE EXCELLENT WAY." At this juncture Paul introduces His VERSION of the best gift of all of them, also his estimation of the value of having any one or more of them (that you might have), clothed with charity, and continues,

"Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels . . . and have the gift of prophecy, . . . have all faith, give my body to be burned, and have not charity it profiteth me nothing." Then he follows with charity does this and

that, and so and so, and never fails, and the thought continues that all gifts will either fail, cease, expire and serve their purpose, and of course they will. Just as we will need no sun or moon to lighten the city, for the glory of God and the Lamb will lighten it, neither will we have any place or need for the gift of tongues, prophecy or divine healing, but charity will just be entering into its most blessed unhindered realm. Then, very quickly and thoughtfully, the apostle asserts, "Follow after charity, and desire

"SPIRITUAL GIFTS,

"But rather that ye may prophesy," or in other words, I would prefer the gift of prophecy to the gift of tongues. I think it the best of the two. Then he proceeds to give his reason for preferring the one to the other. All right, if Paul is discussing the better and more useful of the two, surely he is none the less admitting the reality of both. He says one is for one purpose, and the other, another. The gift of prophecy is by far the most advantageous unless the one having the gift of tongues has also the gift of interpretation.

"Oh but," says someone, "Paul is here differentiating between the gift of prophecy and the gift of speaking in an intelligent though a foreign dialect and not a meaningless jibber jabber that no one knows anything about." Well, let's see. Maybe that is just what you have learned to say about it. Turn with me to the beginning of this differentiating between the two gifts. 1 Cor. 14:1-4, "Follow after charity, and desire spiritual gifts, but rather that you prophesy. For (Reason No. 1) he that speaketh in an unknown tongue (referring to the two gifts) speaketh not unto men, but unto God; for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries." (Reason No. 2) The man with the gift of prophecy "speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort. He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself; but he that prophesieth edifieth the church . . . For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful. What is it then? (What shall we do about it?) I will pray (both ways) with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing (both ways) with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also . . . Brethren, be not children in understanding: howbeit in malice be ye children, but in understanding be men. (What a nice rebuke to most people's ignorance.) In the law it is written, With men of other tongues and other lips will I speak unto this people; and yet for all that they will not hear me, saith the Lord." See Isa. 28: 11, 12. There you will find the written law that Paul here referred to.

Four Mountain Peaks of Glory

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cool, calm, clean surrender once again until thou canst look into my face and say, Since my eyes beheld the King I have abhorred myself. Oh, that it might be no more I, but Christ that liveth in me, for indeed I must decrease but He must increase.

If there are any in the world that need continual cleansing it is the busiest Christian workers, lest we, while preaching to others, neglect our prayer and hidden life with Christ and our ourselves become a castaway. Oh, how pitiful it is today to see so many whose ministry is hampered, whose light has grown dim, whose arm has lost its strength, whose preaching has lost its power and all its glory because they have failed to be washed. They have failed to go back to the old time secret place of prayer where they saw Jesus only in all His beauty, failed to go back where they got the old time power and began lifting up Christ. Jesus said, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me."

Now it is not enough to be washed clean from self-striving and self-boasting, not enough to be humble and aware of our utter dependence upon Him. Ruth was told she needed something else. How badly we need it today,—the anointing, the oil of the blessed Holy Ghost, oil to make the face shine, oil to help us preach the Word, oil to lubricate and keep us running smoothly without friction. Oh, how powerless, dry and empty is our preaching and all our efforts without the oil or the indwelling of the Holy Ghost! and yet, how many of us are without the oil today. Even as Aaron had the oil poured over his head until it ran down his beard and to the skirts of his garments, so we need it today.

Brother, sister, if you haven't this oil in your lamp, if you haven't been endowed with power from on high, if you have failed to receive the anointing, get down upon your knees and tarry until you do receive; convince yourself you have received the fullness until He has spoken for Himself. Go to the upper room; when you come down you won't have to tell it, the power will tell for itself. Get the oil, the joy, the fullness of God, "and put thy raiment upon thee." Do you want a wedding garment? As soon as Ruth had washed herself and been anointed she was commanded to put her raiment upon her. We too, are bidden to don our wedding dress and prepare to meet the Bridegroom, Jesus Christ. This dress is a seamless dress, woven throughout day by day as we walk with the Master, changed into His image. His own dear righteousness is worked out in these poor lives of ours. This dress is for every one who will pay the price of a full surrender and be filled with patience to the

intricate workmanship of the making thereof.

Now having put the raiment upon us what shall we do, pomp and strut and parade down the streets of spiritual pride and show each one who passes by what hard tests we went through, what martyrdom has been ours and how perfect we are? Oh no, for quickly comes the message that was given to Ruth, "Wash thee, anoint thee, put thy raiment upon thee and get thee down to the floor, humble thyself before the Lord." Remember all our righteousness is as filthy rags and that which we have and are we owe to Him, the Giver of every good and perfect gift. How many of us like to blow our trumpets or like to be seen? Listen, brother, sister, let us get down to the floor after the anointing has been on and in our lives. One of the best revivals I ever had was when we got down to the floor, when we lifted up Christ and not the evangelist, when we became a castaway and the beauty of Him was seen in us.

We like to tell how many were at our meeting and who we are and where we are from, how many were saved, sanctified, filled with the Holy Ghost and added to the church. That is good, wonderful, indeed, but oh, let thyself be a castaway for it was commanded Ruth, "Make not thyself known." How many of us today are humble? If we be buried with Christ by baptism the old life is to be reckoned crucified. 'Tis not I that liveth, but Christ that liveth in me. A dead man need not rise and tell how dead he is. If he does he is dead no longer. Make not thyself known, that great, important, sanctified self. Lift Him up, glorify the Lord, worship, laud, honor and magnify His goodness to the children of men.

Now as Ruth came softly into the threshing room and bowed herself lowly there, she joined herself at the feet of the lord of harvest, even Boaz, her bridegroom-to-be. So will it be with each one of us if we will come softly to the Master's feet, for it is ever the lowly, hidden place on the threshing floors of life that we find ourselves like Ruth of old, at the feet of our blessed Lord. Let Him be the real Master of our souls and "wash thyself therefore and anoint thee and put thy raiment upon thee and get thee down to the floor."

REVIVALS

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the Holy Ghost. Easter Sunday morning we had communion service and feet washing. That afternoon seventeen followed the Lord in water baptism and that night fourteen were added to the church, most of them young folks from our Y. P. E., for which we truly thank the Lord.

Pray for our church here that it may

grow and prosper, and pray for our new converts that they may be encouraged and overcome every trial and temptation for God. Hold us up before God that we may be in His will. Our Sunday School has almost doubled since the revival started and our Y. P. E. won the district banner for March. May God bless the Church of God and Brother Mortenson in his work everywhere he goes.—Edward Marks, Rt. 1, Box 20.

Bomb Shells From God Still Bursting Stony Hearts

Thanks be to God that He still blesses ones who serve Him, and answers their prayers. We have just closed a revival in Newberry, Fla. with great victory. Fifteen were saved, ten sanctified, seven filled with the Holy Ghost, seven baptized in water and eleven added to the great Church of God. Many hearts were stirred and great interest was shown among the people. We feel the church has been strengthened and greatly renewed. We had the most wonderful healings during the revival I have ever experienced. Bless God's holy name. Please pray that God will ever use me for His glory in this world, for I know the race will soon be over and all will be well with those who do His good pleasure. Bless His name.—Mrs. D. L. Wing, evangelist; Brother J. P. Stephens, pastor, Rt. 2, Bell, Fla.

THOMASVILLE, N. C.—Dear readers, I thank the Lord for a good revival we had here with Sister B. J. Hillhouse doing the most of the preaching. The messages were soul-stirring and a goodly number got saved, sanctified and eight were filled with the Holy Ghost. Pray for the work here.—Edna Allred, clerk.

McINTOSH, S. Dak.—We thank God for the way He has been blessing here at McIntosh. We had a good revival during the past month, with our state overseer as evangelist. A goodly number were saved, sanctified and added to the church. This was about the first opportunity for most of the people to get acquainted with their state overseer. They learned to love him, and are anxious to have him come back.—Alex J. Sittner, pastor.

HAYNES, Ark. — We have just closed a wonderful revival with Brother Randolph Heaton in charge. God blessed in a wonderful way. There were from three to twelve in the altar every night from the second night of the meeting. There were eleven saved, six sanctified, four filled with the Holy Ghost and eight added to the church. Our Sunday School and Y. P. E. have doubled this year already. Pray that God will crown the church with a wonderful success this year.—T. H. Alexander, pastor.

EDITORIALS

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asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth," Matt. 24:36-51.

These are the last words of Jesus concerning His coming as He sat on the Mount of Olives talking to His disciples, and it is a great warning to all those who expect to be ready. He makes it plain that some will be taken and others left. I am sure that every one wants to go and no one wants to be left, but Jesus knew that some would not meet the conditions and others would, so let us watch and be ready for His coming. Of course we do not know the day nor hour but we do know that He is coming.

"Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality," 1 Cor. 15:51-53.

These verses deal with the glorified bodies of the saints. Those that have died in the Lord will be brought forth and will receive their glorified bodies, and those that are alive will be changed, that is, they will put on immortality. Those who are fortunate enough to be in this resurrection will never die or suffer pain any more. They will ever be with the Lord.

"So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation," Heb. 9:28.

Christ bore our sins on the cross and made it possible for us to be delivered from the bondage of sin. He also made it possible for us to be prepared for His coming, and to look for Him means to make the preparation that is necessary to meet Him. Millions of people think they are ready but they are not, but we are not left in darkness on this subject. If we will diligently search the Scriptures we can find out what it takes to be ready to meet Him.

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convention we have all gone back with a new spirit to do our best. Our local pastor is Brother Arthur D. Henry and district pastor, Elder W. A. Shaw. We thank God for these men; they surely can fight sin; they mean business. Please pray for them that God may bless them in their responsibility.—Amy Reid, clerk.

PEACE MOUNTAIN, LESTER-FIELD, Jam., B. W. I.—We are in a re-

vival here at Peace Mountain which started Dec. 18 and still continues. The Lord sent our beloved pastor, T. A. Cocketts, to this place and he has surely proved a wonderful blessing to many. Praise the good Lord. The Lord is having His own sweet, kind and precious way in these services. Many souls are being saved and added to the church.

The Church of God here was organized on Feb. 7 by our district overseer, Elder T. Mundle, with twenty-six members. Since then more souls are being saved and eleven more have been added to the church. Some have lately been saved that are not yet added, about twelve in number. Please pray a special prayer for them that they will remain true to our Lord and Master.

We have a fine Sunday School of eighty scholars on roll, which looks very progressive. The Sunday School is divided into four classes which we hope shortly will increase to six classes. Please pray for us that the Lord will give us more teachers. Please pray for our dear pastor that God will continue to bless him over here and that he will remain humble so God can ever use him to His own glory. Our pastor has held three Sunday services since being here. The people believe greatly in the blessing as the pastor teaches them and each Sunday they bring their children and infants out to be blessed in large numbers. They love the Word of God. Some of them have never before heard a Church of God preacher preach. Some of them never went to church, they say, before the Church of God came to this district.

We do not yet have a Y. P. E., but we are looking forward to its organization. Our pastor is loved by nearly all. People come to the meetings in large crowds and they behave well. They believe in divine healing as is taught them according to the Word of God by our pastor. Please pray a special prayer for our dear pastor. One sister received the baptism with the Holy Ghost on Sunday night. Please pray for me.—Your sister in Christ, A. L. Cocketts, clerk.

The Church of God Continues to Go Onward in Great Progress

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Church of God now. Three years ago we had missions in five foreign countries and the offerings for the year was \$7,259.55. Ten years ago we had missions in only four different countries, and the total offerings for the year were \$2,205.95.

May God continue to bless and help us to see the great need of furthering the cause of missions. While some are giving their lives, literally, in the far-away, dark fields, surely we can give our means to help support them while they are in the front lines in these dismal, dangerous battlefields.

AGED MINISTERS: Again, may we call your attention to the Aged Ministers' Fund, which we began in 1935, which receipts totalled the first year \$3,114.89. In the Assembly year of 1938 the records show that we received \$7,368.53, to help the precious gospel warriors.

As we pause to thank God from the depths of our heart for the way He has blessed and helped us, we imagine we can hear thousands and tens of thousands of you saying, "Thank God for His wonderful goodness and His marvelous blessings upon us." Just think of the many thousands gloriously baptized with the Holy Ghost and added to the Church; the number of consecrated, Godly, true and faithful ministers, the number of churches in the homeland and in the foreign fields, the ever increasing nice church buildings, which bespeak permanency and determination in the ever-increasing establishment of true worship of the old time Bible doctrine, right in the face of this sin-cursed, careless, indifferent and God-hating world in which we now live.

We are so thankful as we think of the Sunday Schools increasing, where our children and young people can learn the Word of God, and the ever increasing of our Young People's Endeavor, which means that our youth is getting more Bible, Christian training; the faithfulness of our mothers in the L. W. W. B. is helping to solve the problems and meet the needs of the local churches in their financial undertakings.

Surely God is helping and blessing us and such progress can only be had through God-fearing, God-loving, spiritual-minded people laboring together with God.—J. H. Walker, General Overseer.

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music. We also invite all preachers to come and help us make this a great day in the Lord. Pray for this service.—D. G. Bozeman, pastor, Rt. 1, Star, Miss.

The district convention of the Church of God of the Flint, Mich. district will convene May 19-21 at the Church of God, Hughes and Reynolds Sts., Flint, Mich. You are cordially invited to be with us. We are expecting a large crowd from the district. We will be able to take care of all visitors. Our state overseer and wife, Brother C. H. Standifer, will be in charge. — L. L. Turner, district overseer, Flint, Mich.

To the Sunday Schools of Alabama: The state Sunday School banner goes to Blossburg for the month of March. They had a gain of thirteen per cent. Sumiton was second with a gain of five per cent. If you want to win the banner, you will

have to report each month. We are depending on you, so please come and report regular by the tenth of each month.

To the Y. P. E's of Alabama: Come on and let's go. We want the Y. P. E's to grow. If you are not reporting, please do so. Selma had the greatest gain for March. They began with fifty members and gained one hundred members. Come on, we are depending on you.—Your state S. S. and Y. P. E. superintendent, T. G. Pearson.

The Fort Towson, Okla. district convention will convene at the Fort Towson Church of God June 9-11, with our state overseer in charge. Everybody come and enjoy the blessings of the Lord. Bring a well-filled basket and stay for the day. We will also have an all-day service at our church here in Fort Towson on Mother's Day. We expect our churches in this district to be with us. Pray for us, the church is growing in every way. We have enlarged our church building and put in more seats.—Charles M. Barrett, pastor and district pastor, Fort Towson, Okla.

CORRECTION: In the April 22 issue of the Evangel we gave Brother Alex J. Duncan's address as Box 166 when it should have been Box 106, Wapato, Wash.

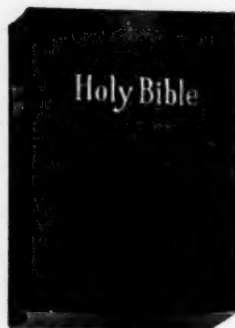
To whom it may concern: I have resigned as clerk of the Church of God at Ludville, Ga. as we have moved so far from church we can't attend regular. I turned the books over to the pastor as a clerk had not been selected. His address is Don O. Tatum, Rt. 2, Talking Rock, Ga.—Mrs. J. D. Hudson, Rt. 2, Rydal, Ga.

To the ministers of the Church of God who have a mind to work and are burdened for lost souls: This is a needy field here and a very wicked place, with no holiness church of any denomination. It is a good location and there are good prospects for a work here. It is fifteen miles from Roanoke, Ala. on the Montgomery-Atlanta highway. If the Lord leads you, come, especially someone with a tent. Please get in touch with us at once as we are not planning on living here very long but would like to help some minister start a work here as this place is on our hearts. I am a member of the Church of God at East Tallassee, Ala. Address I. M. Brand, Wadley, Ala. —Mrs. Charlotte Brand.

We have just passed through Pulaski, Va. and want to say the new church is beautiful and going through by leaps and bounds. We surely enjoyed a blessed fellowship with the pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister Morefield. Pray for them there.—Helen L. Morrow.

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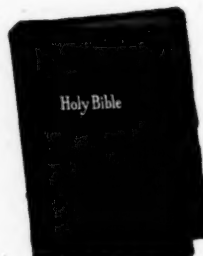


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NOTICE

The Kanawha River and East Rainelle districts will have their convention together. It will convene at Cedar Grove, W. Va. May 5-7. We are looking forward to a wonderful time in the Lord at this great annual feast. Some of the most prominent ministers of the state will be present to bring the good Word of God. Brother Cross and his wife will be with us. We urge all our people to come praying that this will be the best convention this part of the state has ever had.—J. A. Whitlow and H. D. Statum, district pastors.

Something Got Hold of Me

YORK, S. C.—I praise the Lord for His healing power for both soul and body. I was sick for four weeks. Satan tried to make me think I would not be able to get to church again. I heard Brother Smith over the radio. He had a healing service. There was a man there who got saved and sanctified and he got up to testify. The Holy Ghost took charge and something got hold of me. I went to church that night. We had a wonderful service. While it was raining outside the latter rain was falling inside. Brother George Ricks and his wife sang, "Forty Years Ago" and the Holy Ghost

took charge again. Please pray that I will stand true until Jesus comes. — Ella Clarke.

Healed By the Power of God

TAYLORS, S. C.—I praise God for His healing power. About five weeks ago I wrenched my back and felt something pop while bending over making a bed. There were three and one-half days that I suffered intense pain and agony and could not straighten up. I had been trusting God to heal my body for six years so I trusted Him through this trial.

On Saturday I called for some of the church members to come pray for me, after being prayed for two times before that and getting no relief, but God came on the scene and wonderfully healed me. I promised God I would testify of it.—Lois Pressley.